

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
IN AND FOR DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

GRAPHIC ARTS MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY

Plaintiff,

v.

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL BOARD,  
HARVEY L. WALLS, MARK A. ISAACS,  
JOHN M. EVANS, RICHARD H. COHEE,  
GREGORY A. HASTINGS, NINA LOU  
BUNTING, CHARLES M. BIRELEY,  
DONALD G. HATIER, REGINALD L.  
HELMS, M. ELAINE McCABE, LOIS M.  
HOBBS, and EARL J. SAVAGE

Defendants.

C.A. No. 1:06-cv-246

**RULE 16 SCHEDULING ORDER**

The parties having satisfied their obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f),

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Pre-Discovery Disclosures.** The parties will exchange by October 2, 2006 the information required by Fed. R. civ. P. 26(a) (1) and D. Del. LR 16.2.
2. **Joinder of other Parties.** All motions to join other parties shall be filed on or before November 29, 2006.
3. **Settlement Conference.** Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, this matter is referred to Magistrate Judge Thyng for the purposes of exploring the possibility of a settlement. If the parties agree that they would benefit from a settlement conference, the parties shall contact

Magistrate Judge Thyng to schedule a settlement conference so as to be completed no later than the Pretrial Conference or a date ordered by the Court.

**4. Discovery.**

(a) Exchange and completion of interrogatories, identification of all fact witnesses and document production shall be commenced so as to be completed by December 19, 2006.

(b) Maximum of 30 interrogatories by each party to any other party

(c) Maximum of 30 requests for admission by each party to any other party

(d) Maximum of 15 depositions by plaintiff(s) and 15 by defendant(s)

(e) Reports from retained experts required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) (2) are due from the plaintiff(s) by February 28, 2007; from the defendant(s) by March 14, 2007.

(f) Any party desiring to depose an expert witness shall notice and complete said deposition no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of said expert's report, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

(g) These discovery deadlines and limits may be changed by written agreement of the parties, with notice to the Court, so long as the changes do not cause a delay in any pre-trial conference or trial date set by the Court and so long as the Court does not otherwise order.

**5. Discovery Disputes.**

(a) A party seeking discovery which the opposing party refuses to provide shall file a motion (no brief) pursuant to Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 37.1. Said motion shall not exceed a total of four (4) pages. An Answer to the Rule

37 motion, not to exceed four (4) pages, shall be filed within five (5) days of service of the motion. No reply is permitted.

(b) All papers shall set forth in a plain and concise manner the issue(s) in dispute, the party's position on the issue(s), and the reasons for the party's position.

(c) Upon receipt of the Answer, the movant shall notify Chambers by e-mail at [jjf\\_civil@ded.uscourts.gov](mailto:jjf_civil@ded.uscourts.gov) that the parties have completed briefing.

(d) Upon receipt of the movant's e-mail, the Court will determine whether a conference is necessary and advise the parties accordingly.

(e) There is no limit on the number of Rule 37 motions a party may file, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

6. **Amendment of the Pleadings.** All motions to amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before March 30, 2007.

7. **Case Dispositive Motions.** Any case dispositive motions, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall be served and filed with an opening brief on or before April 11, 2007. Briefing shall be pursuant to D. Del. LR. 7.1.2.

8. **Applications by Motion.**

(a) Any applications to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the Clerk of the Court in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of Civil Practice for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (Amended Effective January I, 1995). Any non-dispositive motion shall contain the statement required by D. Del. LR 7.1.1. Briefs shall be limited to no more than ten (10) pages. Parties may file stipulated and unopposed Orders with the Clerk of the Court for the Court's review and signing.

The Court will not consider applications and requests submitted by letter or in a form other than a motion.

(b) No facsimile transmissions will be accepted.

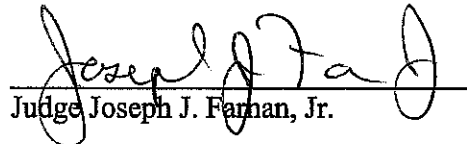
(c) No telephone calls shall be made to Chambers.

(d) Any party with a true emergency matter requiring the assistance of the Court shall e-mail Chambers at: jjf\_civil@ded.uscourts.gov. The e-mail shall provide a short statement describing the emergency.

9. **Pretrial Conference and Trial.** After reviewing the parties' Proposed Scheduling Order, the Court will schedule a Pretrial Conference.

The Court will determine whether the trial date should be scheduled when the Scheduling Order is entered or at the Pretrial Conference. If scheduling of the trial date is deferred until the Pretrial Conference, the parties and counsel shall anticipate and prepare for a trial to be held within sixty (60) to ninety (90) days of the Pretrial Conference.

Dated: September 19, 2006

  
Judge Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.